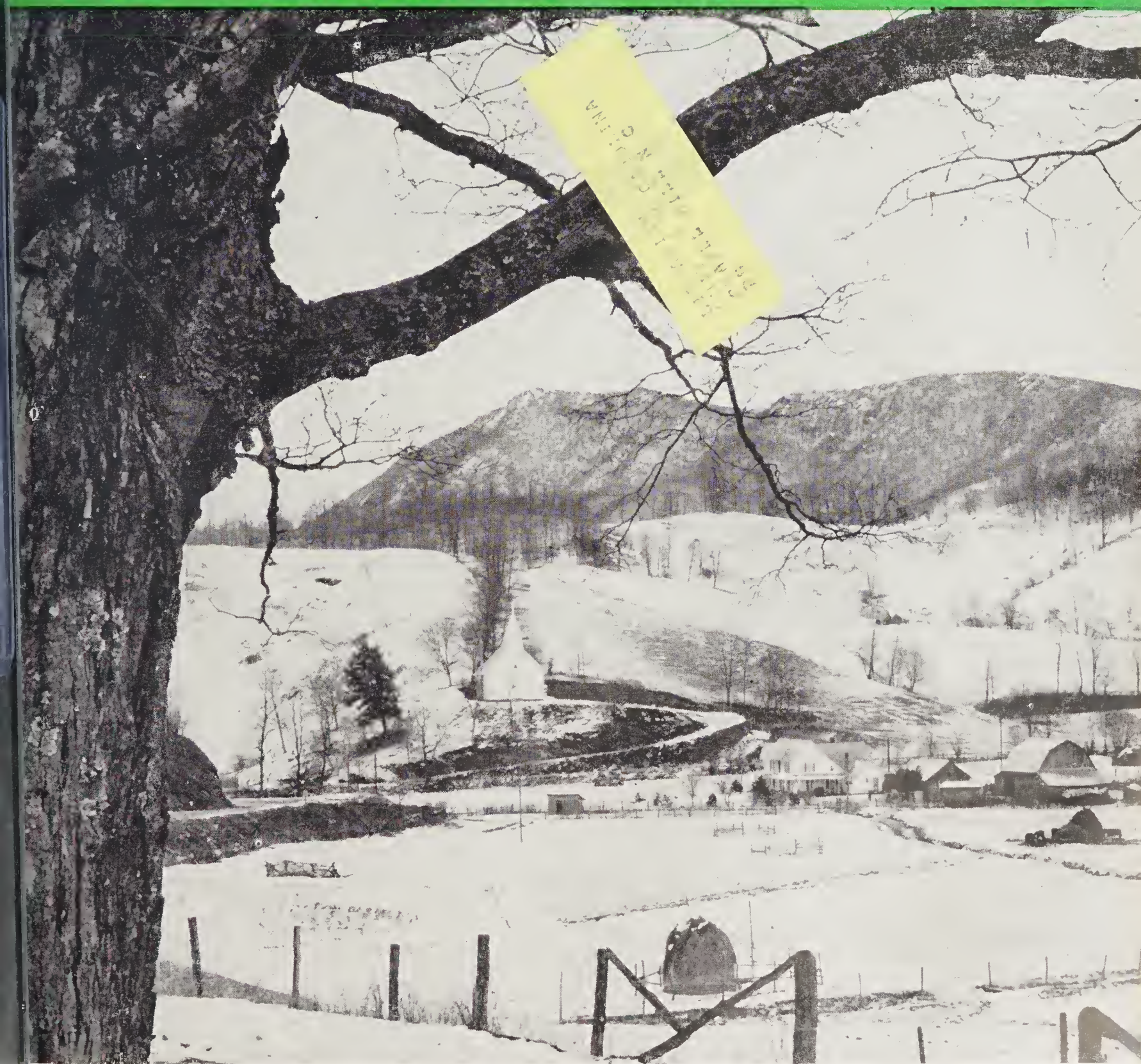


the **Carolina
Farmer**

**Tiny Arcadia Grange
Wins \$15,000 Award**

See Page 6

**A SMALL APPLIANCE
SHOPPING GUIDE**



A Merry Christmas To Each Of Our 98,000 Readers

*Do YOU want
the finest TV
reception in
your community?*

we suggest you see **1955**

SYLVANIA *Television*



HALOLIGHT A Sylvania Trademark

with

HALOLIGHT

The Frame of Light That's Kinder to Your Eyes

and

PHOTOPOWER

For Photographic Clarity Even in Distant Reception

MAKE THIS A TV CHRISTMAS

Yes, give a gift the whole family will enjoy through the years. Sylvania TV has a wide selection of models to choose from and your nearest dealer will be happy to give you a FREE HOME DEMONSTRATION of the model of your choice. Easy payment terms are available. Be sure to see Sylvania TV and make your selection in time for Christmas delivery.

\$169.⁹⁵ AND UP

**SEE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL, POWERFUL TELEVISION
EVER SHOWN AT YOUR SYLVANIA DEALER'S THIS WEEK**

WALKER MARTIN, INC., AUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTORS

RALEIGH

GREENSBORO

CHARLOTTE

ASHEVILLE

the Carolina Farmer

Reg. U. S. Patent Office

JERRY ANDERSON, Editor

REBEKAH RIVERS, Assistant Editor • LYNN BRUNSON, Editorial Assistant

Volume 9 DECEMBER, 1954 Number 12

COPYRIGHT 1954 BY TARHEEL ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

FACING FACTS . . .

Last month the advertising and public relations men for the nation's commercial power companies gathered in St. Louis for their annual confab. As usual, they reviewed the successes and failures of their propaganda efforts during the year and laid out their future strategy.

A trade magazine reports that such controversial questions as the preference clause and the Tennessee Valley Authority came in for their usual share of attention. One power company president, Edwin Vennard, of the Middle West Service Company, declared: "We have failed miserably to convince the people of the fraud of TVA."

A very interesting and reassuring statement. It would be interesting to put Mr. Vennard under oath and let him prove "fraud" in TVA operations. Fraud is a dangerous word, and we hate to see it added to the power company vocabulary of spite phrases. But he won't have to prove his charge, any more than the power company propagandists had to prove another of their pet phrases—creeping socialism.

The statement is reassuring in that Vennard admits that the public has not swallowed the millions of dollars worth of propaganda that has been directed against TVA. The power companies have thrown everything in the book at TVA for years in their attempt to convince the public that the agency is somehow un-American. They've used everything from \$65,000-a-year lobbyists to fabulously expensive advertising programs.

If the public remains unconvinced after this concentrated hate campaign, we can conclude only that something is wrong with the campaign the utilities have been trying to sell. Which is another way of saying that maybe TVA is a pretty good thing after all and the public knows it.

Then again, the utilities could be over-selling. Maybe the public gets tired of hearing mammoth power monopolies brag about being the shining examples of "free enterprise"—and the great protectors of "the American way of life."

Perhaps the public knows full well that you don't have to be a power company executive to be a loyal American.

—JERRY ANDERSON

This Month

NEWS

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Farm Bureau Resolution..... | 4 |
| Electric Hotbeds | 9 |

FEATURES

| | |
|--|----|
| Arcadia Grange | 6 |
| "Dear Stub" | 8 |
| Poultry Lighting | 9 |
| Willie Wiredhand Gives Santa a Hand..... | 10 |

DEPARTMENTS

| | |
|-----------------------------|----|
| News, Tides and Trends..... | 4 |
| Washington Report | 5 |
| Homemaking | 12 |
| Hale | 17 |
| Statewide Report | 18 |
| Editorials | 18 |

ON THE COVER



Max Tharpe's photo of a winter scene in rural North Carolina has all the ingredients of an old-fashioned Christmas card: Tall trees frame a peaceful landscape, snow covers the sleeping earth, and the white steeple of a country church reaches to the sky. Photographer Tharpe found his "live" card in Ashe County.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

TARHEEL ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION

P. O. BOX 1699 • RALEIGH, N. C.

WILLIAM T. CRISP, Executive Manager and General Counsel

EDITORIAL BOARD R. R. Edwards, Dunn, Chairman, G. L. Rucker Tarboro; Ben

Washam, Cornelius; A. B. Hurt, West Jefferson; J. A. Ward, Rose Hill

THE CAROLINA FARMER is published monthly by the Tarheel Electric Membership Association, P. O. Box 1699, Raleigh, N. C. Editorial and Advertising Offices, Suite 914 Commercial Building, Raleigh, N. C. Entered as second-class matter at the post office at Raleigh, North Carolina, under the Act of March 3, 1878. Additional entry at Richmond, Va. Subscription price 42c per year. Title registered U. S. Patent Office.

For the North Carolina Farmer

Early potato growers in Eastern North Carolina will decide on December 3 whether they will assess themselves one cent per hundred pounds of potatoes marketed to raise money for the promotion of potato production, marketing, processing, and consumption. If the referendum carries, money collected will be turned over to the North Carolina Potato Association which will determine specific projects to be tackled.

* * *

The debut of the Gold Rush sweet potato variety in Chowan County this year proved a successful one. The yield and quality of the new variety were far superior to the Porto Rico variety being grown there, according to County Agent C. W. Overman. The Gold Rush variety had good resistance to the wilt and cork diseases. It was excellently shaped, fruited well and developed uniformly. The county agent predicts it to be the coming sweet potato for the area.

* * *

Johnnie Tew, a native of Cumberland County, has been awarded one of the highest honors that a 4-H clubber can obtain—state winner of the 4-H award for leadership. This is the third time that the 4-H'er has been selected a state winner in the 4-H Awards Program; and this is the maximum number of times any club member can represent the state at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. During his 4-H career, Johnnie, a member of the Linden 4-H Club, has given 233 talks before 4-H and other groups, has appeared on radio programs 45 times, and has written 50 news stories. He has given 32 demonstrations and has shown exhibits 49 times.

* * *

Jackson farmer J. F. Turner solved his feed shortage due to the drought by grinding corn cobs and feeding them to his cattle along with protein feeds. The cobs were free for the hauling from a nearby feed mill, and the enterprising Turner says his cattle are doing very well on the make-shift diet.

* * *

A final tabulation of votes in the Nickels-for-Know-How referendum on October 15 showed that a total of 52,855 votes were cast: 2,900 against the referendum, 49,955 in favor—a favorable vote of 95 per cent. Every county voted in favor of the program. Stokes County cast the largest vote, 2,404 of

which 2,255 favored the program.

* * *

Fumagillin, an effective treatment for nosema disease in bees, may be the answer for beekeepers who have trouble with weak and unproductive package bees or bee colonies. USDA tests have shown that fumagillin controls the protozoan organism which causes nosema. Tests proved also that the new antibiotic can be administered in common feeding practices and it does not harm the bees when fed in quantities required for nosema control. Fumagillin is obtainable from bee supply houses, along with directions for feeding it.

* * *

Poultry specialists say one thing can be done about declining egg production in laying flock at this season of the year. Birds can be put on a 14-hour day by placing them under lights. Or they can be fed a pellet supplement or wet mash. All these methods, however, should not be tried at the same time. Morning lights are best if lights are to be used as "stimulation." If pellets or wet mash are used, they should be fed at midday with enough to feed the chickens for half an hour. Place pellets or wet mash on top of the dry mash in the hoppers.

* * *

A newly revised USDA leaflet, "The Farmer's Share of the Consumer's Food Dollar," answers the farmer's questions concerning costs involved in marketing food products, and the how and why these costs vary among different foods. The booklet sums up information on marketing costs for food products in 1953 and discusses some things that have brought about changes and trends in these costs. A single free copy can be obtained from the Office of Information, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.

* * *

The Foreign Agricultural Service of the USDA predicts an increase of around 10 per cent in exports of farm products to other countries during the last half of 1954 and the first half of 1955. During the preceding year exports of farm products improved 4 per cent over the low postwar level of 1952-53. Should government surplus programs be successful, the increase in farm exports may even exceed the 10 per cent predicted, according to FAS.

FarmBureauDemands Congressional Action In Kerr Power Dispute

The North Carolina Farm Bureau jumped into the middle of the Bugg's Island power controversy last month by calling on Congress to finance a survey aimed at determining the practicality of a Federal transmission line from Kerr Dam into North Carolina.

The resolution, passed at Farm Bureau's annual convention in Asheville November 22-23, marked the first time the organization has officially supported moves aimed at bringing Kerr Dam power into this state.

In a companion move, the Bureau affirmed the right of co-ops and municipal systems to first call on government-produced power. It called attention to the fact that 12 eligible North Carolina cooperatives have been unable to receive Kerr power because of the lack of transmission facilities.

The Farm Bureau resolution reminded many observers that the government's original marketing plan for the power called for a Federal transmission line from Bugg's Island to Kinston. This line would have carried the power to the co-op and municipal systems. The line was killed by a congressional committee after Carolina Power and Light Company testified that it would "wheel" the power over its already-existing lines.

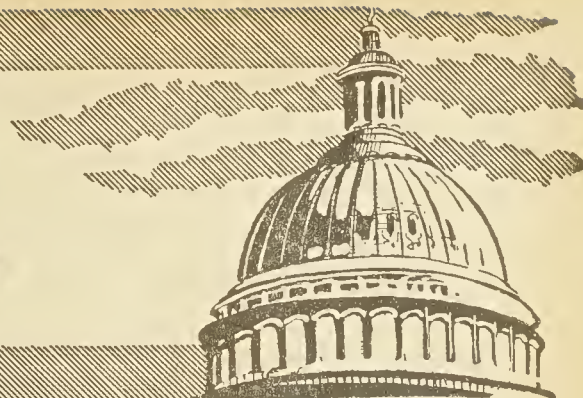
Since that time the co-ops' efforts to negotiate such a wheeling agreement have been in vain. CP&L has flatly refused to enter a wheeling contract. Five Northeastern co-ops, located in territory served by Virginia Electric and Power Company, have saved considerable money as the result of a wheeling agreement with VEPCO.

The co-ops have appealed to the Department of Interior to do something to make North Carolina's share of the power available. After several months, Interior has invited the co-ops and CP&L to Washington on December 9 for a conference on the stalemated problem.

The new N. C. 1 and N. C. 2 varieties of peanuts are showing outstanding results in the hands of peanut producers this year. Berry Anderson, Leggett farmer, planted N. C. 1 variety peanuts and an old type Virginia Bunch peanut in the same field. The results: The N. C. 1's weighed 102 pounds per bag and brought \$14.66 per hundred; the old type variety weighed only 95 pounds per bag and brought \$13.35 per hundred. An Edgecombe County farmer produced over 2,000 pounds of N. C. 2's per acre, averaging 108 pounds per bag.

William S. Roberts

REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON



Who Threw the First Stone?

"Subsidy" has become one of the most misused and confused words in the vocabulary of Americana. Farmers, more than any other group, have been sorely abused by reckless application of the term, like "socialism," to any activity involving government participation.

In short, some critics use either or both terms to smear anything the other fellow is doing while blithely accepting hidden government subsidy themselves.

The electric power business is a prime example.

Both the Federal rural electrification program and the Tennessee Valley Authority were set up about 20 years ago to develop resources and economic opportunities private enterprise had been unable to exploit profitably. Both were set up on self-sustaining bases. The basic legislation for both REA and TVA has been revamped to make this clear during the past two decades. Both repay their power investments with interest and with local control and local responsibility have displaced Federal governmental influence to the maximum possible extent.

Last month TVA announced an excess of \$28-million income over operating expense in its power operations during the last fiscal year. Under law, this was turned into the Treasury, helping reduce the over-all Federal budget deficit. Similarly, studies show REA's borrowers have paid interest on their loans in excess of the government's cost of financing, and they are millions of dollars ahead of schedule in their principal repayments.

Yet, the emotionally reckless charge of "subsidy" as well as "socialism" against REA and TVA emanates particularly from the camps of the commercial power interests of the nation. Power company propaganda pictures all direct Federal activities in their field as "unnecessary" and "unfair competition."

But look what is happening—and has been happening for many years

—when the Federal government deals with power companies rather than public or cooperative power groups!

From contracts made a few years ago under the Truman administration for handling delivery of Federal power to other customers, five power companies in the Southwestern states are gleaming a \$1½-million profit—or "subsidy" as the term is so loosely used by those companies. Who pays it? Rural electric co-ops in that area studied that problem. Federal power agencies have to wholesale power at rates sufficient to repay all costs allocated to power. Therefore, the ultimate customers for the power pay the subsidies. Most of it is coming from the farmers served by their co-ops which depend upon power companies for most of their wholesale

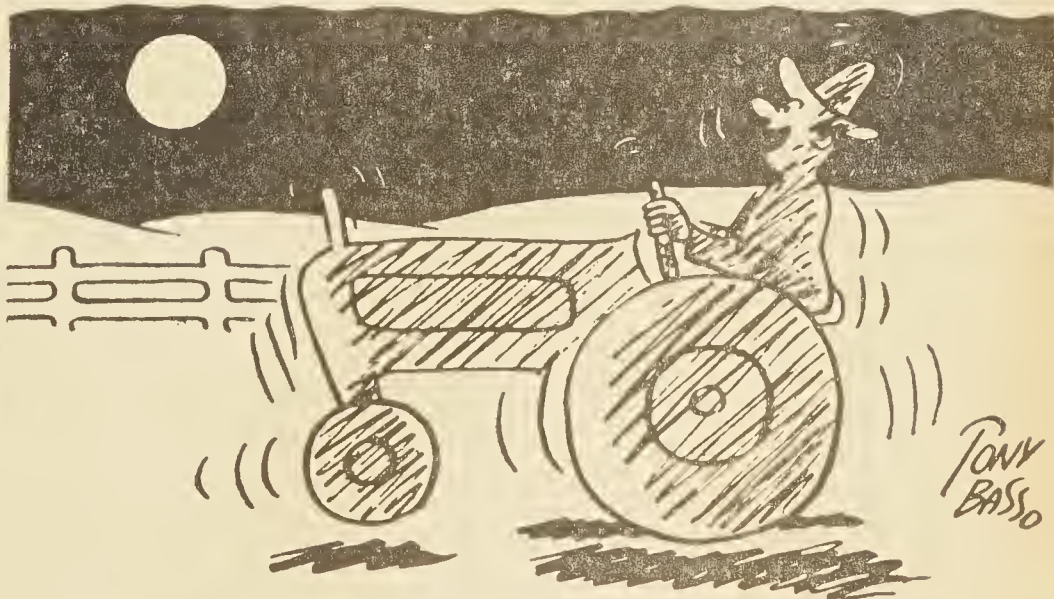
supply as well as for almost all the Federal power delivered to them.

Of course, the simplest and most currently publicized "subsidization" of power by the Federal government is in the proposal stage now. The Dixon-Yates contract involving AEC and TVA provides two utility holding companies with a guaranteed amortization as well as interest return on their investment in a power plant which will actually be subsidized by TVA customers.

Perhaps the American public will understand the Dixon-Yates subsidy better than even the alleged farm subsidies. It is closer to the traditional business subsidies America has known for more than a century. Our railroads, our maritime fleets and our airlines—"utilities," too—have been fostered by government subsidies without too much objection.

(Continued on Page 16)

Speaking of Safety - - -



THIS GUY'S HUNTING TROUBLE.
WE THINK HE'LL FIND IT SOON;
ON THE HIGHWAY AFTER DARK
WITH NO LIGHT BUT THE MOON.

BETH WILCOXSON



Arcadia Grange Wins \$15,000 Award

Tiny Davidson County Grange competed with 4100 others in winning the National Grange — Sears Foundation Contest

PHOTOS BY JIM WOMMACK

After the members of the Arcadia Grange saw Grange master J. Lee Zimmerman and his wife off to the annual meeting of the National Grange in Spokane, Washington last month, the little Davidson County community settled down to a period of waiting. By virtue of their invitation to the Spokane meeting, the members knew their tiny grange was among the top three finalists in the 1954 Community Service Contest, sponsored by the National Grange and the Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

Which of the top three places would their grange win? Could it possibly take top honors and win the \$15,000 grand prize? Speculation on the final outcome in the contest varied: Miss Lizzie Tesh, grange secretary since 1932 and one of its charter members, felt they had a good chance of placing first. "We really went all out in this contest," she said, "but whatever the outcome, I feel like we've won in our community."

Others hoped for a second place honor—but throughout the community, there was the feeling that, whatever the outcome, they had "done themselves proud" by placing in the finals.

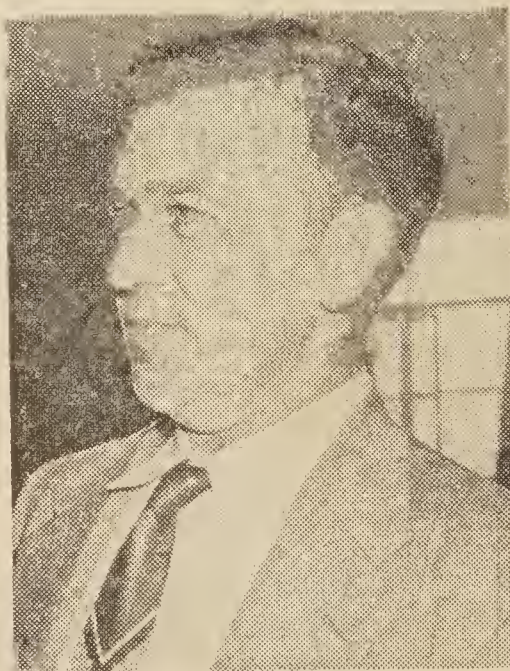
And thus they speculated—and waited—for the call from Zimmerman that would answer their question.

Then it came: The telephone call announcing that, on November 15, their grange master had been presented a check for \$15,000 by Hershel D. Newman, Master of the National Grange, and E. J. Condon, director of the Sears Foundation. Zimmerman had accepted the check on behalf of the grange members with "deep humility," adding, "it

represents to us an obligation to carry on in community service."

Proud onlookers at the Spokane ceremonies were North Carolina's Grange Master Harry B. Caldwell and Mrs. Caldwell. This was the second time in seven years that a North Carolina Grange had won this honor. The first was Schley Grange in Orange County, winner in 1948.

The 54-member Arcadia Grange competed with 4,100 subordinate granges all across the nation in the 1954 Community Service Contest, which is sponsored annually to stimulate granges in performing community service. Competing



J. Lee Zimmerman, master of the Arcadia Grange, was invited to the meeting of the National Grange to accept the \$15,000 award won by Arcadia.

granges were scored on a basis of 100 points: (1) Need of the project in the community—15 points. (2) Thoroughness of organization—25 points. (3) Results secured—50 points. (4) Quality of the report—10 points.

Arcadia Grange members first knew they would be competing in the national contest when they emerged victorious in the state contest in September. This honor won them two \$100 defense bonds and a plaque for their modern grange hall. They learned in October that they were rated among the top eleven granges in the nation.

And then they hopefully played host to the national judging team when it visited Arcadia to see first-hand just what the little grange had accomplished. Yes—the period of waiting for the pleasant farming community actually spanned a three-month period, and was climaxed by national recognition of their achievements.

And what have they achieved, these grange members, to have merited such acclaim?

If one merely listed their accomplishments, the list would read like this: The grange erected a community building, beautified roads, homes and the community, named and marked local roads, carried out health and recreational projects, promoted several agricultural betterment activities, and carried out a wide range of other activities during 1954.

It's an impressive list, isn't it? But let's go back a bit and see just what driving spirit pushed this small number of people to such accomplishments.

Veteran members of the Arcadia Grange will tell you that the unit has



Miss Lizzie Tesh, a charter member of the Arcadia Grange, has served as its secretary since 1932. Miss Lizzie felt confident that grange would win first place.

these years of waiting and planning is a modern, frame meeting hall which is the pride of the entire community.

But the building of a meeting hall was only the beginning. The grange sponsored an extensive health education promotion program, including the establishment of a cancer clinic and other health and nursing programs, which is paying off in healthier, happier citizens. They inspected 150 homes for fire hazards, consequently making community members safety-conscious. The grange initiated a weed-control campaign and many other agricultural betterment activities. These members have actively supported Korean aid campaigns and other charity drives.

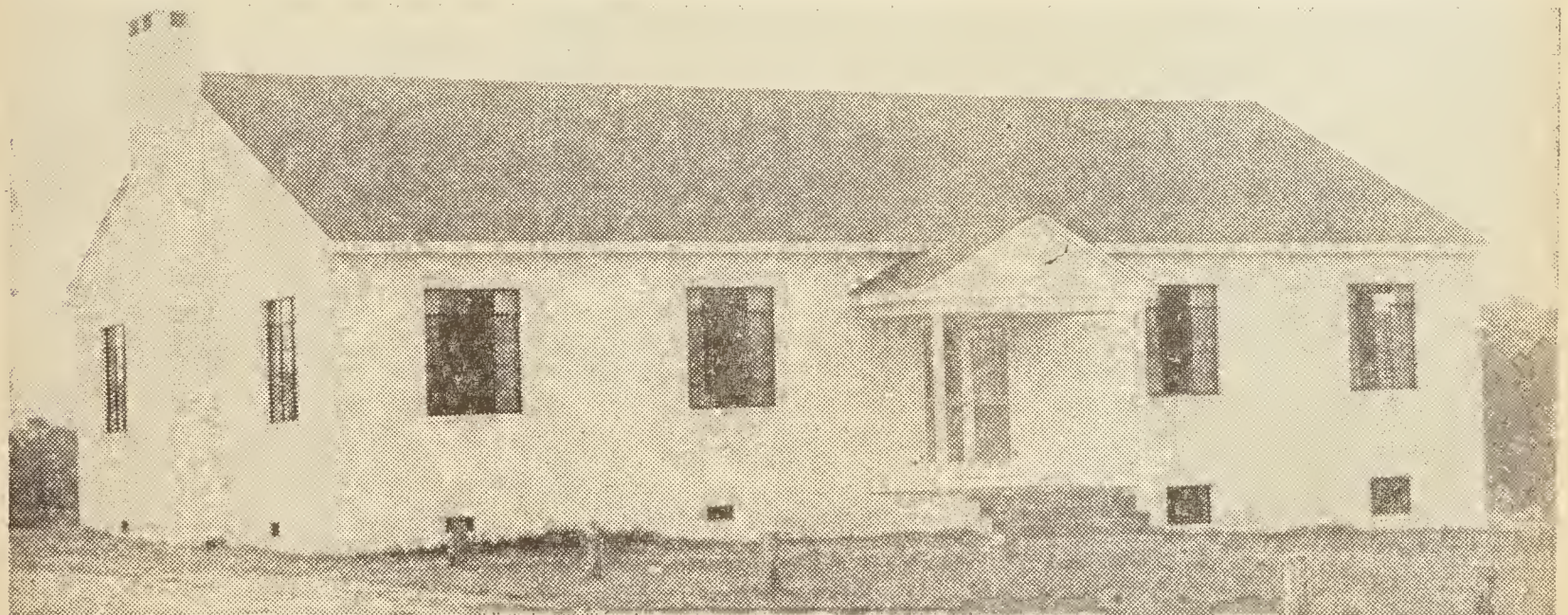
Due to a grange-sponsored community beautification project, the physical aspect of the section has changed: Well-kept yards, newly painted homes, attractive mail boxes dot the countryside. It has an air of prosperity, an aura of happiness. It looks like what it is—a good place to live.

How will they spend their well-earned prize money? Grangemaster Zimmerman, who emphasized that the grange sought the good of their community rather than the prize money, says that he "would like to see a better recreational program for our youth where they can find complete and satisfying entertainment in our own community." Other grange members thought it might be spent in finishing the community center—paying off a debt on the building, turning the basement into a game room, buying equipment.

But however it is finally spent, it will be used to carry forward more and better community projects.

come a long way in the twenty-five years since its organization. The charter members of the group first met in a rickety two-story building. Old-timers remember that at one time, when a tornado passed several miles away, the building rocked so much they were forced to stop their speaker so they could go home.

Later, they held their meetings in the Arcadia School for a number of years, and, during this time, the dream of a meeting place of their own was slowly reaching reality. They appointed a building committee, and three years ago they obtained land for the building. Last October, actual construction of the community center began. The fruit of



A modern, frame edifice for grange meetings was built by the cooperative efforts of Arcadia Grange members over a period of three years. Meetings have been held here for

several months. The construction of the grange hall was one of the accomplishments entered in the 1954 Community Contest sponsored by the National Grange and Sears.

"Dear Stub"

Last month the President wrote a widely-quoted letter to the chairman of the Atomic Energy Committee about the Dixon-Yates proposal. The letter is reprinted below, along with an analysis—in italics—by our editors



"Dear Stub:

("Stub" is Representative Sterling Cole of New York who is chairman of the Joint Atomic Energy Committee. The letter is not addressed to him as the chairman. It is a personal letter, and therefore does not have to be regarded as a letter to the Joint Committee.)

"On several occasions you and I have discussed the Administration's plan to relieve TVA of part of its obligation to

furnish electric power to AEC in order that TVA, without additional steam plants built at taxpayers' expense, may have an adequate supply of electric power for its consumers through 1957.

(Under the Dixon-Yates contract TVA would not be relieved of any part of present obligations to furnish electricity to the Atomic Energy Commission. Secondly, TVA's Fulton steam plant in the long run would not be a taxpayers' expense. The money for construction would be returned to the Treasury as are all investments in TVA.)

The Dixon-Yates plant is being built with money borrowed at a low rate of interest because of the Federal government's guaranteed minimum nine per cent return on the Dixon-Yates investment. The taxpayers also, through AEC, will refund Dixon-Yates for their taxes. The taxpayers will in effect pay between \$90-million and \$140-million more for the Dixon-Yates plant than they would for TVA's Fulton steam plant. Also, the supply of electric power for TVA consumers is not "through 1957" but to meet additional needs beginning in 1957.)

"My general thinking on the subject is: It seems to me that all arguments for the construction of additional steam plants by the Federal government ignore this one very important truth: If the Federal government assumes responsibility in perpetuity for providing the TVA area with all the power it can accept, generated by any means whatsoever, it has a similar responsibility with respect to every other

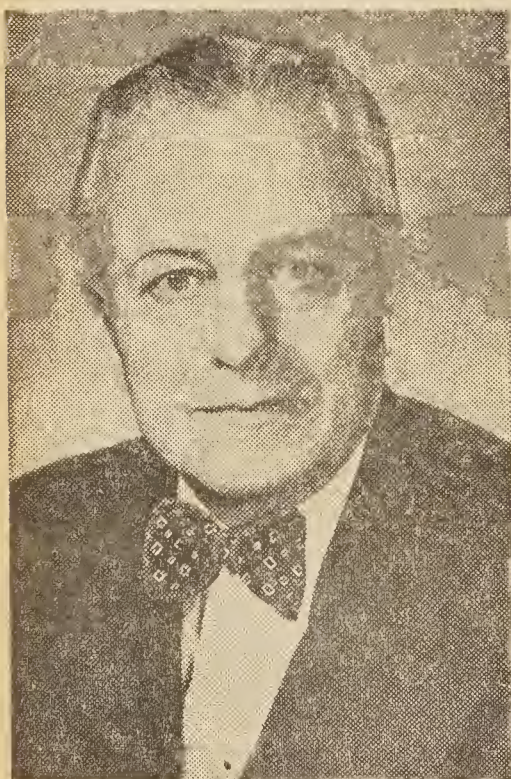
area and region and corner of the United States of America.

(There is no "if" concerning whether the Federal government has assumed responsibility for the Tennessee Valley power needs. They did this by an Act of Congress. If this responsibility is to be changed, it should be accomplished by amending the TVA Act directly, not indirectly through the Dixon-Yates contract.)

"Logically, every section of the United States should have the same opportunities, and the Federal government should not discriminate between the several regions in helping to provide this type of facility. My own conviction is that we have not been alert enough in making certain of this equality of treatment. If this is the case, then it is high time that other regions were getting the same opportunities.

(Certainly not all rivers and valleys in the country have the natural resources to provide the opportunities that the Tennessee River Valley provides, but consideration should be given to the development of the Columbia River Valley, the Missouri River Basin, and other joint government and local interest developments. As far as giving other regions the same opportunity, the President has not offered contracts similar to the Dixon-Yates contract any place else in the country.)

"I cannot believe that Americans, in general, disapprove of attempting to place all regions on a basis of equality
(Continued on Page 15)



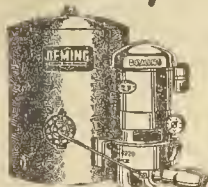
Rep. Sterling Cole
AEC Committee Chairman



DEMING WATER SYSTEM

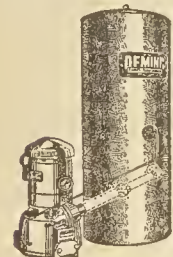
Running Water is unmatched as a time and work-saver! Put it to work for you and your family! It costs so little when you own a dependable DEMING Automatic Water System.

Today's Top Values

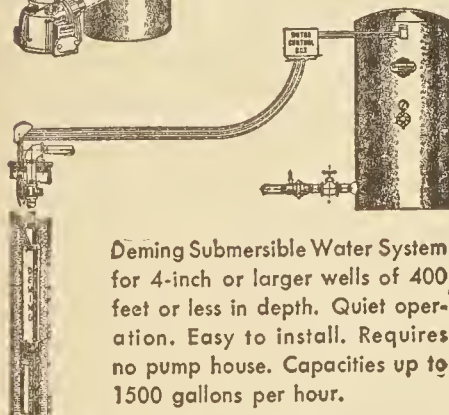


Deming "MINIJET" — a complete, packaged water system for shallow and deep wells. Capacities up to 660 gallons per hour.

Deming "CUSHIONETTE" a complete packaged water system for shallow wells. Ready to hook up to well and house connections. Capacities up to 685 gallons per hour.



Deming "All-Purpose" Water System for shallow wells, deep wells, over the well or offset from well. Capacities up to 2450 gallons per hour.



Deming Submersible Water System for 4-inch or larger wells of 400 feet or less in depth. Quiet operation. Easy to install. Requires no pump house. Capacities up to 1500 gallons per hour.

Free Literature

Illustrated booklet "How to Select Your Water System", and individual bulletins on any of the Deming Water Systems shown above will be sent upon request. Write to:

THE DEMING COMPANY
574 Broadway • Salem, Ohio

DURING WINTER MONTHS

Well-Lighted Poultry House Will Prevent Slump in Egg Production

A WELL-LIGHTED poultry house is the answer to maintaining top egg production during the winter months.

What does light do for layers? We used to think that it kept them awake and, therefore, encouraged them to eat more. Now we know differently.

It's the light itself that does the trick. Studies show that light stimulates the egg-producing "mechanism" of the hen and enables her to continue laying at a satisfactory rate despite the shorter days. Chickens under light eat about the same amount of feed as those without light.

Apparently the intensity of light doesn't matter too much as long as the interior of the poultry house is well-illuminated. This includes floor, feed troughs, roosts and water fountains. A range of from one to 38 foot-candles of light per square foot seems to be sufficient for the average poultry structure, provided that no areas of it are in shadow.

There are several different lighting systems in use, but one which has been tested thoroughly and found to meet general requirements involves the application of both bright and dim lights. In this system, one 50 or 60-watt lamp is installed for every 200 square feet of the total house area. Lamps are placed in reflectors of from 12 to 16 inches deep.

The reflectors are located approximately six feet from the floor. These

bright lights should be spaced half-way between the dropping board and front of the poultry houses located 10 feet apart and approximately five feet in from the ends of the structure.

For proper dim light effect, one 15-watt lamp should be used in the dim light circuit for every two of the brighter lights. The dim lights should be installed directly over the roosts.

A time switch will enable the farmer to operate his poultry house lighting schedule automatically. For example, in the illumination schedule described, the switch will turn the bright lights on and off at the proper time. Also, it will change to the dim light circuit automatically when the bright light schedule is completed, thus simulating the onset of darkness. For best results, layers should receive from 13 to 14 hours of light per day.

You Can Reach

97,000

North Carolina Farmers

through our

Rural Exchange

CASE HISTORY OF A HOTBED

How about those electrically heated hotbeds for early spring plants? Do they really work?

Norman Harrison, Rt. 1, Rocky Mount, says he'll never be without one on his farm. He tried it last year for the first time and cooperated with extension personnel in conducting a demonstration to show the hotbed's value.

Harrison built his 15-foot hotbed for a total cost of \$45. On March 24 he bedded 8½ bushels of U. S. No. 1 sweet potatoes. Thirty days later he pulled his first plants; six days later he pulled more. Between May 4 and June 7 four additional pullings were made from the electrically heated bed. A total of 21,200 plants were pulled in 10 weeks, or 2,494 plants per bushel of potatoes.

The cold frame used in the demonstration was bedded with six bushels of potatoes on March 27. It produced only 7,700 plants in 10 weeks, or 1,283 plants per bushel.

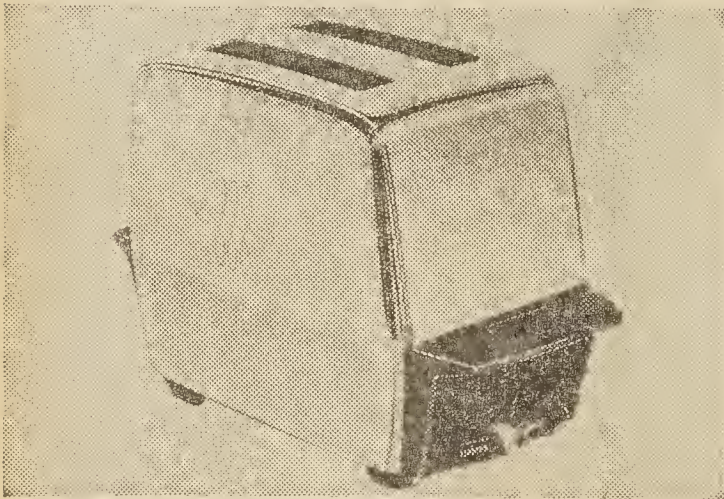
The plants produced in the heated bed were strong and healthy with a good root system. They lived well when transplanted. Copies of the extension service leaflet describing hotbed construction are available free of charge from The Editor, The Carolina Farmer, P.O. Box 1699, Raleigh, N. C.



..... Gives Sant

4. An El

1. An Electric Toaster



Because . . . it toasts bread in record time, and produces same color toast with all varieties of bread. Color control lever moves horizontally at end of toaster. (About \$20)

2. A Cook-'n-Fryer



Because . . . it cooks everything from soups, stews and pot roasts to puddings and pop corn. (Retail at around \$29.95.)

3. An Electric Mixer

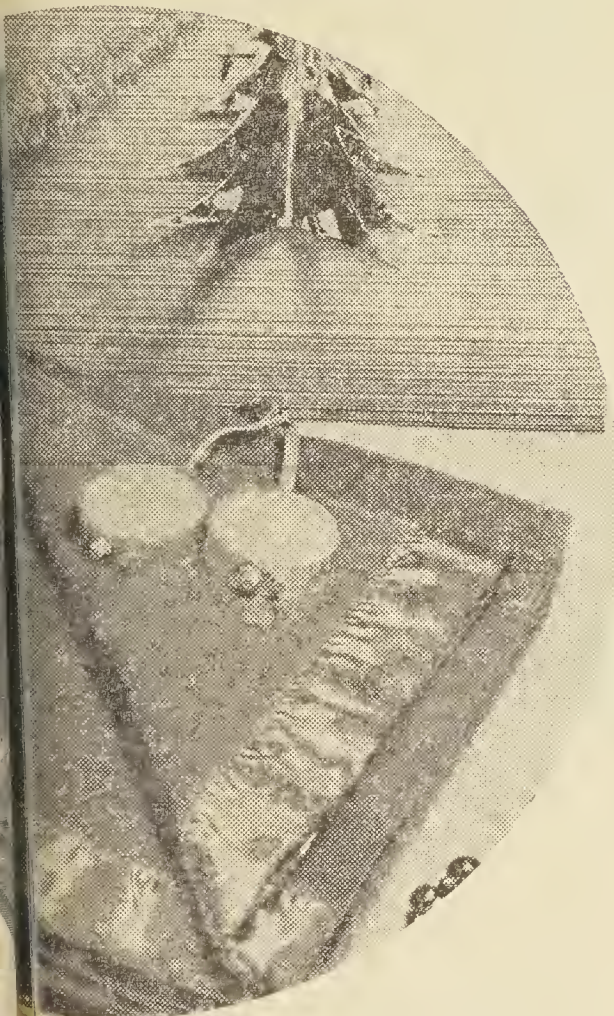


Because . . . it makes light work of any mixing task; has motor powerful enough, beaters large enough for any assignment the homemaker gives it. (\$19.50.)

Because . . . o
luxurious gift.
box" design m
regardless of ro

A Helping Hand

Blanket For Winter Nights



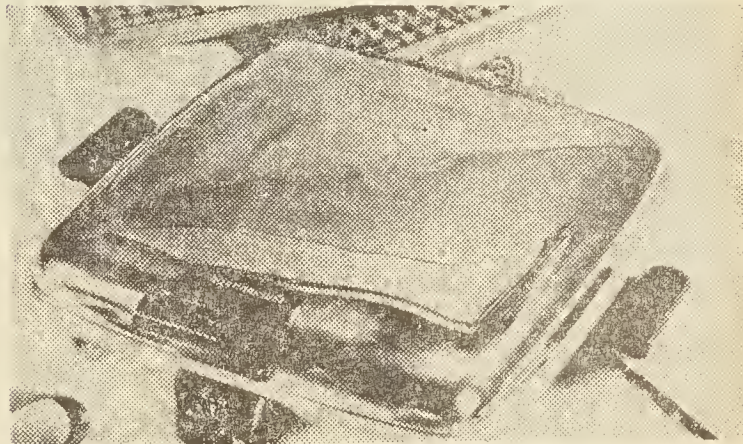
... the weather when sleeping under this "watchman" in silver-finished "powder" pre-selected warmth of your choosing. (Single Control, \$39.25, Dual, \$46.75.)

5. An Electric Coffee Maker

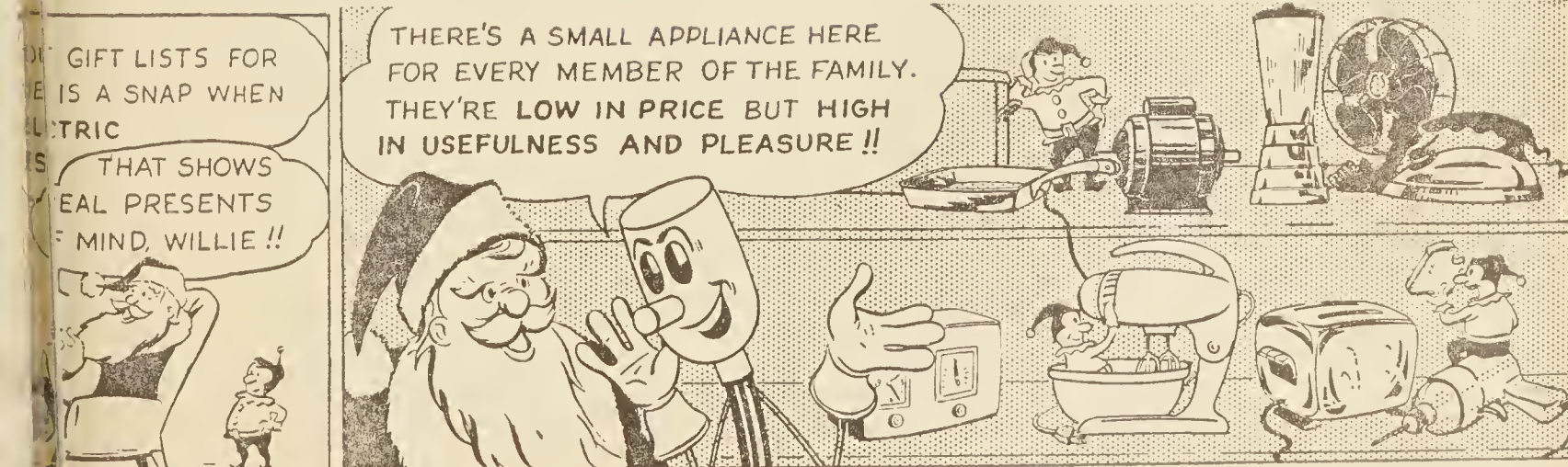


Because . . . it is designed for gift-giving and a lifetime of service afterward. It automatically brews nine cups of coffee in nine minutes. (About \$30.00)

6. An Electric Waffle Iron



Because . . . it is a combination sandwich grill and waffle baker. Eight toasted sandwiches, six eggs, or twelve hamburgers can be prepared at same time. (\$29.95)





Holiday cookies in the form of trees, bells, stars, turkeys, animals can be made from a basic sugar cookie recipe

Yuletide Stars and Bells Herald

Crunchy Christmas Cookies

ABOUT this time of month the sweetest aroma of the season—that of cookies baking—is drifting across the state, mingling with the smell of pine trees, and the imperceptible scent of mystery that envelopes the nation at Christmastide. Time-honored cookie recipes, tested by generations, are being followed closely by the homemaker; and they are heaped on traditional platters and in cookie jars along with the products of new recipes—recipes that will probably be added to the standard list of holiday family fare.

We've come up with a few yummy cookie recipes you might like to add to your holiday file. And, before we give them to you, let us remind you to put your home freezer to use by letting it keep cookie dough (as well as other desserts) fresh all during the holiday season. With a freezer in the home,

the holiday hostess can make her cookies days in advance—and always have some on hand for unexpected guests or for a last minute Christmas gift.

Blonde Brownies

We know all of you must have Brownies on your list of holiday baking—but have you tried Blonde Brownies? Sift together 1 cup sifted enriched flour, $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons baking powder, and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt. Melt $\frac{1}{4}$ cup shortening. Cool and add $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups brown sugar and 2 eggs, beaten. Mix well. Add flour mixture, gradually, mixing until smooth. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla extract, 1 cup chopped nuts and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chocolate bits (3 ounces). Spread in greased pan 7x11 inches. Bake in moderate oven about 30 minutes. Cut into bars. Makes 21 bars about $1\frac{1}{2}$ x2 inches.

Nuts and raisins have their very special place on the holiday boards, and we think your family and guests will be delighted with these fruit spice bars:

Fruit Spice Bars

1 cup sifted enriched flour
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon soda
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ginger
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup shortening
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup brown sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup molasses
2 eggs
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup raisins

Sift together flour, soda, salt and ginger. Cream together shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Add molasses. Blend well. Add eggs and vanilla extract. Mix well. Add flour mix-

ture gradually to creamed mixture, mixing well. Fold in raisins and nuts. Spread batter in greased pan, 7x11 inches. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 30 minutes. Cut in bars. Makes 21 bars, 1x3¼ inches.

White Cakes

And here's a fine basic batter for all occasion use—the faithful white cake. Use it for Christmas tree-shaped cakes, for cup cakes, or for a special New Year's Eve cake, decorated with the letters "1955" in cocoanut on the icing.

Magnolia Petals Batter

- 2½ cups sifted cake flour
- 1½ cups sugar
- ¼ teaspoons double acting baking powder (tartrate powder, 5½ teaspoons)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ cup less 1 tablespoon water
- ½ cup less 1 tablespoon milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ¾ teaspoon orange extract
- ¼ teaspoon almond extract
- 2/3 cup Spry
- 5 egg whites, unbeaten

Sift first 4 ingredients into mixing bowl. . . . Add water, milk, and flavoring extracts. Drop in Spry and beat 300 strokes (3 minutes by hand or in mixture at low speed). Scrape bowl and spoon or beater several times during mixing. Add egg whites and beat 300 strokes (same as before). Bake in moderately hot oven (375°F.) in any of the following shapes: Tube pan (8½"—45-50 min.), cupcake pans (2½"—20-25 min.), ring pans (two 9"—25-30 min.), Christmas tree pans (two 10" for 25-30 min.), square pans (three 8x8x2—18-23 min.).

Tarheel Cooky Recipes

Our rural electric homemakers have shared their traditional Christmas cooky recipes with us this month, and we've chosen three to send across the state as an extra-special Christmas bonus.

Mrs. Yates Bennett, Burnsville, who has been collecting recipes for several years and now has her own cook book of 325 pages, sends us her favorite holiday cooky recipe: 1 cup butter; 1 cup brown sugar; 1 cup granulated sugar; 2 eggs, beaten; 2 cups flour; 1 teaspoon baking powder; ½ teaspoon salt; 1 cup shredded cocoanut; 1½ cups rolled oats; 1 cup nuts, chopped; 1 cup seedless raisins; 1 cup chopped dates; 1 tablespoon grated orange rind; 1 teaspoon vanilla; and ½ teaspoon lemon extract.

Cream sugar with butter. Add beaten egg; mix well. Add sifted dry ingredients; then add oats, nuts, raisins, cocoanut, grated peel, dates and flavorings. Mix well. Drop from teaspoon onto

greased baking sheet and bake 10 minutes at 375°F.

Tea Cakes

Mrs. Norman Byerly, Rt. 2, Clemmons, sends us a family recipe used by her mother at Christmas time. Mrs. Byerly says they were called "tea cakes" by her mother, but that she calls them "sugar cookies."

Mrs. Byerly's Sugar Cookies

- ½ cup butter
- ½ cup other shortening (Mrs. Byerly uses lard)
- 2 cups sugar: 1 cup white, 1 cup brown
- 4 eggs
- 1 tablespoon soda
- 1 teaspoon lemon or vanilla flavoring
- Enough flour to make soft dough.

Cream butter and other shortening together with the sugar. Add beaten eggs and mix well. Add flavoring. Sift soda with part of the flour and add to the mixture. Keep adding flour until dough is stiff enough to handle without being too sticky. Chill for at least an hour and roll to thickness desired. Cut with fancy cutters and bake at 350°F. until lightly brown. Yield: A giant batch of cookies—cut in half for a smaller amount.

Peggy Garner, Rt. 1, Seagrove, also shares a cookie recipe used by her mother: Cream together two cups of brown sugar and one cup of butter. To this add two well beaten eggs, 1 teaspoon of soda dissolved in 2 tablespoons of buttermilk, 1 teaspoon of baking powder (do not use baking powder if self-rising flour is used), and flavor enough to make a soft dough. Roll to ⅛" thick on floured board and cut with fancy cutters. Bake in a medium oven until golden brown. These cookies can be iced or nuts, raisins or cocoa can be added to the dough. And, says Peggy Garner, "They're good plain, too!"

Basic Sugar Cookies

Be imaginative this year with your basic sugar cookie recipe. Cut new designs by tracing them on brown paper: Cut them out and cut around them from your cookie dough with a sharp knife. And in all your cookie baking, remember that it is easier to handle the dough when it has been chilled thoroughly. For failure-proof baking: Use tested recipes. Follow recipes accurately. Use accurate measuring utensils, such as graded measuring spoons, liquid measuring cups, and tested measuring cups for dry ingredients. Always use level measurements.

Yule Notes



A Kissing Ring

Display your mistletoe more gaily this yuletide in a "kissing hoop"—an idea used long ago in England. It's easy to make. Wrap two embroidery hoops in red satin ribbon, fix one inside the other at a right angle and tie a cluster of mistletoe in the center. Top with a red ribbon and hang it in a busy doorway. The enterprising homemaker can make many changes in this basic pattern.

Holiday Punch

Your holiday guests—both those who just drop in and those who are invited—will love a frosty white cake, served with cherry orange punch. Want to try it? We think it sounds quite festive:

Cherry Orange Punch

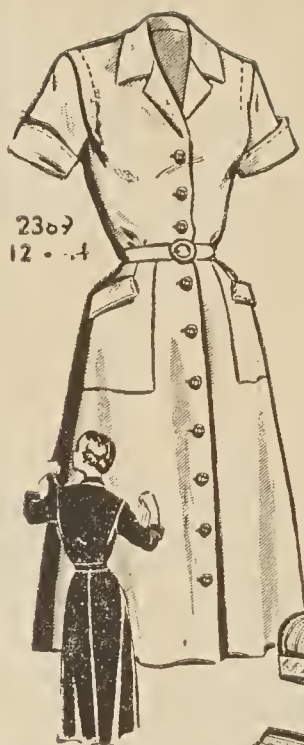
- 2 packages cherry-flavor gelatin
- ½ cup sugar
- 4 cups cold water
- ¾ cup lemon juice
- 2 bottles (8 ounces) ginger ale
- 2 cups hot water
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 4 cups frozen concentrated orange juice
- 1 egg white
- 1 tablespoon sugar

Dissolve gelatin in hot water and reserve 2 tablespoons of dissolved gelatin. To remaining mixture, add ½ cup sugar and the salt, stirring until dissolved. Add cold water, orange juice, lemon juice, and ginger ale. Chill until ready to serve.

Beat egg white until foamy throughout. Add 1 tablespoon sugar gradually, beating after each addition until sugar is blended. Then continue beating until this meringue will stand in stiff peaks. Add reserved gelatin, and continue beating until mixture will again stand in peaks. Drop by spoonfuls onto chilled punch. Garnish with sprigs of mint, if desired. Makes 12 servings.



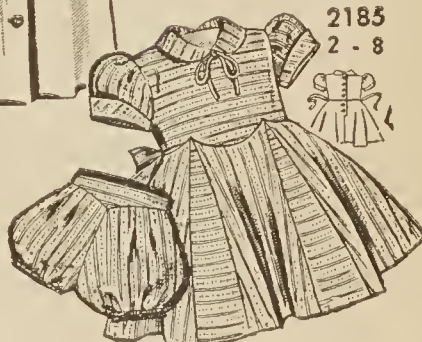
2544. Easy-to-make housedress has slimming insets at waist, cap sleeves and collar. Sizes 12 to 40. Size 16: 4½ yds. 35-in.



2369
12 - 44

2389. Smart button-front classic with convertible collar, softening shoulder tucks, sleeve choice, in larger sizes. Sizes 12 to 44. Size 18: Style shown, 4½ yds. 35-in.

2185. Little girl's dress, so pretty with its Peter Pan collar and puffed sleeve styling with matching panties make a perfect ensemble. Size 2 to 8. Size 4: Dress and Panties, 2¾ yds. 35-in.



2185
2 - 8



2212
10 - 20

2212. Double-breasted jumper with sweet-heart neckline, flared skirt makes an attractive ensemble paired with collared blouse included in pattern. Sizes 10 to 20. Size 16: Jumper, 2½ yds. 54-in. Blouse, 2¼ yds. 35-in.

Send **THIRTY FIVE CENTS** (in coins, no stamps) for each pattern (above) to: **CAROLINA FARMER, P. O. Box 42, Old Chelsea Station, New York 11, New York. FALL-WINTER FASHION BOOK, 25c Additional.**

Crochet a Fluffy Dog To Delight a Child



One look at this adorable white fluffy dog and your youngster won't want to part with him—even at bedtime. Body, head, feet and tail are crocheted in simple stitches. For this and other toy patterns, clip accompanying coupon. (3824)

Free Pattern and Booklet Order Form

Please send without charge pattern leaflets and/or booklets I have indicated below. I am enclosing a **STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED** envelope for the patterns I have checked. (Note: Send one envelope for every three patterns.)

Toy Patterns

- ☐ Fluffy Dog (pictured) (PC 3824) ☐ Black Pony (PC 3652)
☐ Crocheted Doll (PC 4388) ☐ Panda (PC 5420)
☐ Brother & Sister Kittens (PC 5249)

Other Patterns

- ☐ N. C. Rose Quilt (PS 3090) ☐ Commuter's Bag (S 425)
☐ Knitted Doily (PK 5549) ☐ Baby Bib (PC 6135)

Booklets

- ☐ Easy Ways to Chase Dirt
☐ Breakfast in the Modern Reducing Diet

Name

Electric Membership Corporation.....

Comments

Address coupons to *Rebekah Rivers, Carolina Farmer, Box 1699, Raleigh, N. C.*

"Dear Stub"

(Continued from Page 8)

in this regard. Consequently, there must be either some re-examination of any plans which would call for the Federal government to supply all the additional power capacity that might be needed in the future in the Tennessee Valley or logically we could have to begin plans for a gigantic power development to cover the entire nation equitably.

(On the basis of many polls of American public opinion, TVA has always enjoyed the approval and respect of the American people by a comfortable majority. Before his election, Eisenhower campaigned strenuously in the Tennessee Valley, paid tribute to TVA, and promised to "strengthen" it if elected. TVA has been a world-renowned success, but it does not follow that those who defend it favor a "gigantic" Federal power development to cover the entire country. For our part we maintain that public power has done an excellent job in many areas, so has private power in other areas, and co-operative power in still others. We believe there is room for all three in this country, and that each should have responsibility in the areas in which they function best.)

"The directive to the AEC to make arrangements for the purchase of private power either directly or by finding a new private source to replace available power was designed to allow time for a thorough examination of this whole vast field without hurting the citizens of the Valley.

(President Eisenhower's June directive to the Atomic Energy Commission which was read at the Joint Committee hearings did not say this. The directive flatly directed AEC to negotiate as rapidly as possible the Dixon-Yates contract with no alternatives mentioned. The Dixon-Yates proposal is not designed to allow time for a thorough examination. It is almost perpetuity itself. It has now been extended for a 45-year period. The pay-out period on the plant itself is for 25 years. This is not a stop-gap procedure for a thorough re-examination.)

"As a consequence of these facts, I believe that the project for building new plants at Federal expense—implying a purpose of continuing this process indefinitely in the future—is therefore wholly indefensible unless it should become part of a vast national plan. If this is to be national policy, it is most certainly a project that demands earnest and careful study. In the meantime, the

citizens of that region will not be deprived of additional power they need for the next several years.

(The Dixon-Yates plan is subsidized at Federal expense and will not be repaid to the Treasury as would Federal expenses in constructing a TVA plant. The President's statement that TVA policy is "wholly indefensible" again seems to be a direct contradiction of his campaign pledges. This paragraph implies that all future TVA power requirements will be met by contracts of the Dixon-Yates type.)

"It seems to me that there has been a very great deal of talk and argument, much of it partisan—about issues that are really clear and simple. No one in this Administration has any intention of destroying or damaging TVA or of diminishing its effectiveness in any way, but this is not the same thing as fastening on the Federal government a continuing and never ending responsibility which I frankly do not believe is logical, nor, in the long run, in the best interests of the country.

(The President evidently does not follow too closely many of the statements and actions of members of his administration. Most of the "talk" was speculation on what was contained in the Dixon-Yates contract, which remained secret until several days after the November elections.)

"The Administration's plan, and all facts concerning its development, have been before the public for months. I hope that the Joint Atomic Energy Committee will give the plan, and the proposed contract to carry it into effect, the fullest consideration that the committee deems necessary. If, however, after such consideration the committee is of the opinion that the final contract terms are completely satisfactory it would be clearly desirable and in the best interests of the people of the TVA area that any additional waiting periods be waived so that construction may begin as soon as possible and people in the TVA area may make their plans for the future.

(Aside from the general plan, all facts concerning the Dixon-Yates contract have not been before the people for months. It is reported that there have been ten variations of the contract, the most recent one coming as late as November 11. The first one released to the public had four amendments that were not incorporated in the October version revealed by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

FARM INCOME AND TAX RECORD BOOK

Simplified—No bookkeeping experience necessary. Set up especially for all types farming. Approved by tax inspectors. Agricultural agencies, accountants and thousands of users in America. Only \$4.10 delivered. Free descriptive information on request.

SCOTT'S—Dept. BT

P. O. Drawer 110, Asheboro, N. C.



Stop Rusty Red Water ...use MICROMET
Low Cost • Safe • Easy to Use

See your plumber or pump dealer

For Free Folder, write to

CALGON, INC.

HAGAN BLDG., PITTSBURGH 30, PA.

Here's The Way To Curb A Rupture

**Successful Home Method That Anyone
Can Use On Any Reducible Rupture
Large Or Small**

Thousands of ruptured men will rejoice to know that the full plan so successfully used by Capt. W. A. Collings for his double rupture from which he suffered so long will be sent free to all who write for it.

Merely send your name and address to Capt. W. A. Collings, Inc., Box 712-M, Watertown, N. Y. It won't cost you a cent to find out and you may bless the day you sent for it. Hundreds have already reported satisfactory results following this free offer. Send right away—NOW—before you put down this paper (Advertisement).

WE WANT WATCHES!

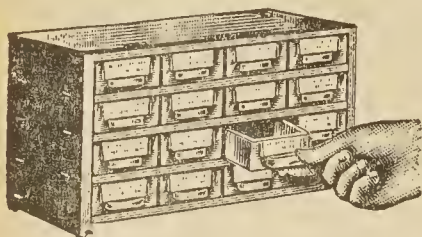
In any condition. Also broken Jewelry, Metal glass frames, gold teeth, silver. CASH SENT TO YOU AT ONCE! Satisfaction guaranteed. Send articles or write for FREE information. Southern Watch Company. Dept. CF Gray, Ga.

**SOUTHERN ENGINEERING
COMPANY**

ARCHITECTS—ENGINEERS

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

WHERE'S THE WIDGET? In the Jiffy Cabinet, of Course



16 drawer unit (illustrated)—\$7.50
Other Sizes from \$4.50 to \$19
Free Literature on Request

Yes, with the JIFFY CABINET you can instantly find the screws, nuts, bolts, nails, etc., that are never at hand when you need them. Also ideal for home use. Made of steel with clear plastic drawers, the JIFFY CABINET makes a wonderful Christmas gift. 8, 16, 24, 32 and 48 drawer units.

Order now from
SCOTT'S
Box 110—Asheboro, N. C.

Report From Washington

(Continued from Page 5)

Perhaps, also, the American public will remember the Biblical caution that only he who is without sin should cast the first stone at those they call wicked.

What started out primarily as a Senate investigation of the possible effects of new Federal power policies in fostering utility monopolies may have a more far-reaching effect. At least one member of the Senate investigation subcommittee headed by Senator William Langer (N. Dak.) thinks the latest results of the probe justify reforms in the 18-year old Holding Company Act.

He is Senator Estes Kefauver, the crusading Tennessean who leaped to prominence two years ago with his fearless crime investigation. After Langer's subcommittee had explored the effects of new "criteria" for marketing Bureau of Reclamation power in the Missouri Basin and the abrogation of Federal power contracts in the Southwest, both directly jeopardizing rural electric co-ops' power supplies in those areas, the investigation trained guns on the Dixon-Yates proposal for feeding commercial power into TVA's system.

Kefauver, of course, had a primary interest in participating in the Dixon-Yates hearings, but when a disgusted former Mississippi Power & Light Co. official began telling what he knew about utility holding companies, the Tennessee

Senator recognized evils affecting the rest of the country perhaps more than TVA.

Through this sort of interlocking "Wall Street management," Kefauver believes a new clandestine holding company pattern has been set up which may exceed the evil portents which existed even before the Holding Company Act was passed by Congress. By pyramiding costs on costs, through this new holding company pattern, power costs may be inflated exorbitantly. He estimates Mississippi Power & Light's customers alone are paying millions in unwarranted dividends collected from the operating company by Middle-South Utilities.

Elsewhere other holding companies control the commercial utilities upon which rural systems are dependent for half of their wholesale power, and Ebasco's engineering genius is prevalent through a tremendous proportion of them. New legislation may be required, as Kefauver believes, modernizing the Holding Company Act to safeguard the public's household purse.

What began as a limited probe into new Federal policies and TVA's future power supply may thus broaden into a sweeping investigation of electric utility company structures and their holding company practices.

Rural Exchange

Agent Wanted

MAKE MONEY IN your spare time. Collecting names. No experience necessary. Rush dime now. Lisenby Sales Co., Troy, N. C.

MAKE EXTRA MONEY. Address, mail postcards. Spare time every week. BICORP, 143 Belmont, Belmont, Mass.

MAKE MONEY ADDRESSING POSTCARDS FOR OUR bedding company. Typewriter or longhand. \$1 brings supply of postcards. Refundable. Elson's, Box 116, Paxton, Ill.

FOR SALE

BUY ONE, get one free. Good quality retractable ball-point pens, 2 for \$1.00. L. Luigs, Box 475, Lomita, California.

RAISE MINK. We'll teach you free. Lake Superior Mink Farm, Superior EE, 6, Wisconsin.

WHAT SHIP did you sail on? Notify me. Will mail photo of your ship free, together with photos of the Golden Gate Bridge and first Atomic Bomb. All three 8x10", \$1.98 C.O.D. R. K. Kirby, 768 Elizabeth Street, San Francisco, California.

BUY SURPLUS FARM tools, machinery, truck, jeep, etc. Direct from Government. Send \$1.00 for Government Surplus Bulletin, Box 213S, East Hartford, Conn.

HOG, COW AND MULE Medicines manufactured by National contains all known mineral essential for healthier herds that bring higher prices. Ask dealer or write us for free folder. National Hog Medicine Company, Box 1634, Raleigh, N. C.

CROCHETED SHOWER GIFTS Nylon embroidered booties. Assorted colors white trim. \$1.25 pair. Red Rose Potholders, \$1.00 pair. Cobble Aprons, small or medium, \$1.35 each. Mrs. R. B. Kendirck, Rt. 4, Concord N. C.

WATCHES WANTED. Any condition. Also broken jewelry, spectacles, dent gold, diamonds, silver. Cash sent promptly. Mail articles. Satisfaction guaranteed. Lowe's, Holland Building, St. Louis 1, Missouri.

DO YOU HAVE an old auto story away? Here's your opportunity to convert it into cash. Highest prices paid for models before 1915. Also want license tags around 1910. Write complete information, price wanted to J. Malpass, Burgaw, N. C.

THE SIGN OF SERVICE



- BARE AND WEATHERPROOF COPPER ● COPPERWELD CONDUCTORS
- NEOPRENE COPPER AND TRIPLEX ● STEEL STRAND
- ACSR AND ALL ALUMINUM ● NEOPRENE ALUMINUM, ACSR, AND TRIPLEX
- CABLE ACCESSORIES AND PREFORMED PRODUCTS

Southwire Company
CARROLLTON, GEORGIA
PHONE TERrace 2-6311

DEFINITION OF COLLEGE

College is said to be a fountain of knowledge where students gather to drink.

How True . . .

. . . Money may not go as far as it used to, but we have just as much trouble getting it back.

. . . Many a love nest has been broken up by a lark.

. . . A wife always pays attention to what you are saying when you are talking with another woman in a low voice.

. . . It's a wise man who will not let his yesterdays use up his todays.

LOAN

Foreign woman customer (in bank): "I would like to maka da loan."

Bank official: "You have to see the loan arranger."

Woman: "Who, plizz?"

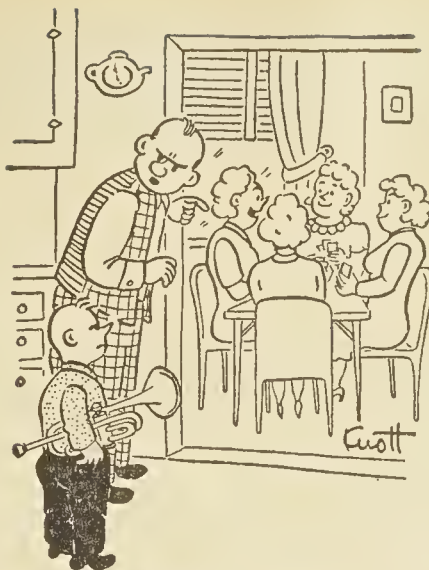
Official: "The loan arranger."

Woman: "Oh, you mean da one who say 'Hi-Ho Silver?'"

* * *

A DIFFERENCE

A preacher walked into a tavern during the course of his welfare work and ordered a glass of milk. He was served eggnog by mistake. After drinking it to the last drop he raised his eyes heavenward and was heard to say, "Lord, what a cow!"



"No! You can't quit practicing until they leave."

Hale!

STEPMOTHER

McManus was a bit startled when he met an old acquaintance. "What's the idea," he asked, "of a band of mourning on your left leg, Jock?"

"Me mother passed away," replied Jock.

McManus persisted. "But why on your leg instead of your sleeve?"

"She was me stepmother."

NOT ME

The Sunday school teacher was reviewing a lesson. "Who led the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

There was no answer. So she pointed to a little boy at the back of the room and asked him. "It wasn't me," he said timidly, "we just moved here last week. We're from Missouri."

* * *

DEFINITIONS

Looking back on the late, unlamented Army-McCarthy hearings, an unidentified Republican congressman defines some of the more frequently heard phrases of the hearings:

"Point of order, Mr. Chairman . . ." (It's my turn to contribute to the disorder here.)

"Mr. Chairman . . ." (Turn the cameras this way, boys.)

"My learned friend . . ." (That dope.)

"My distinguished friend . . ." (A worse stinker I never met.)

"I shall be happy to enlighten the gentleman . . ." (Hold still for this one, you rat.)

"Would you please repeat the question?" (How will I ever get out of this?)

"I shall have to refresh my recollection . . ." (I need time, Dad.)

"I do not question your integrity . . ." (You bet your sweet life I do.)

* * *

CALL

An elderly woman had been to hear her nephew preach for the first time, and she thought it a very poor sermon.

Later that day she asked: "James, why did you enter the ministry?"

"Because I was called," he answered.

"James," said the aunt solemnly, "are you sure it wasn't some other noise you heard?"

* * *

PLAYING SAFE

In a college town a student called at a boarding house to ask about rooms.

"And what do you charge for your rooms?" he asked.

"Five dollars up," was the reply.

"Yes, but I'm a student," he said, thinking the price a little high.

"That being the case, the price is \$5 down," replied the landlady, who had had experience.

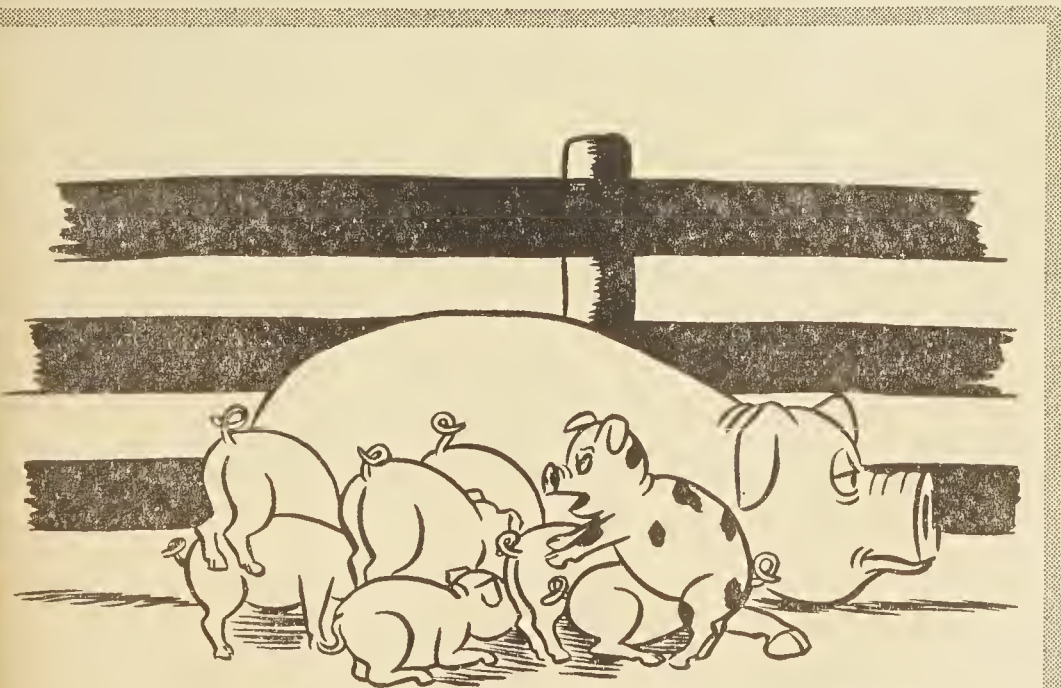
* * *

PESSIMISTIC

Mr. Brown met his old friend, Mr. Jackson, who had been out of a job for months, and the following conversation took place:

"Well," said Brown, "how's things? Any brighter?"

"Brighter!" repeated Jackson. "Why, things are so bad at home that the mice are giving themselves up to the cat."



HOWARD
HORNSBY

"All right, wise guys—who has two?"

Statewide Report

By William T. Crisp

We—some four or five hundred of us—were literally jammed into the short, high-ceilinged room. It was 3:55 o'clock on a sunny afternoon last month. The scene was the Hall of North Carolina's House of Representatives. Though unaccustomed to use during this off-General Assembly year, the Hall now buzzed with the low-pitched talk of State and National officials, newspaper reporters, and hundreds of just plain people.



And then, suddenly, a respectful silence descended on the crowd. Through the high wooden doors that open onto the rotunda of the State Capitol, strode a dignified middle-aged gentleman. He was accompanied by his wife, his son and several close friends. They made their way down the middle aisle and were seated just in front of my precious nook on the floor.

The man was Luther H. Hodges. The occasion was his taking oath to become the Governor of North Carolina for the remainder of the late William B. Umstead's term. It was the first such occasion in North Carolina in 63 years.

The ceremony was brief. (Actually, the minister who prayed took six of the nine minutes involved.) Then, after the new Governor had with hand on Bible sworn his solemn oath, he turned to the people and thanked them for coming. He also solicited both their advice and their prayers during the momentous months of office which lay ahead of him. Then he and his family retired to the rotunda to shake hands with the people.

Later, as I talked with friends on the Capitol lawn, I recalled the killing pace of public office. Within little more than a year, North Carolina had buried two United States Senators and a Governor. Moreover, with the dual problems of desegregation and a deficit budget facing the General Assembly in 1955, there was no doubt that Luther H. Hodges was facing one of the most critical legislative sessions in the State's history.

He deserves and he will receive the sincere best wishes of the people of the State. In particular he is to be commended for his brief but dramatic rise to the forefront of North Carolina politics. That he would have been our next Governor, beginning in 1957, few people doubted. The unfortunate death of William B. Umstead has perhaps merely hastened the process of history.

North Carolinians should pledge Luther H. Hodges their cooperation and understanding during the troubled times ahead. We think he will need both.

EDITORIALS

The Happy Season

The wondrous, enchanting season of Christmas is with us once again. It is a season of laughter and tinsel, song and frivolity. The season when sons and daughters come back home and bring their starry-eyed grandchildren for a brief family reunion. And it is a season of worship, despite the laments of those who say the storekeepers have robbed Christmas of its meaning.

The entire season, we believe, is a tribute to the simple teachings of the Babe of Bethlehem. The sense of worship is there, whether or not those who express it are conscious of it. It is in the Girl Scout who says a kind word to a salesgirl, remembering that she, too, is tired—in the countless warm and sincere "Merry Christmases" which strangers exchange.

A pity that this magical season does not last throughout the year? Yes. Perhaps a nation's prayer for "peace on earth, good will toward men" could be realized if the birth of Christ were celebrated each day—if people remembered that hungry mouths must be fed often, not just in December—that the hard-luck family down the road must clothe its children all year—that words of comfort, expressions of confidence and encouragement are not leased by the Christmas season.

This sentiment is echoed throughout the nation each Christmas. Unfortunately, nothing is ever done to make it a reality. Perhaps nothing can be done. But at least Christmas does bring out the best that is in us once each year. We should be thankful for that.

Honor with Cash

Along with most other North Carolinians, we were thrilled last month by the achievement of little Arcadia Grange (see page 6). The national award brings honor to our state and an impressive amount of cash to the Davidson County village. Both are as welcome as the trout in spring.

We liked what Lee Zimmerman said when he accepted the award. The grange, he said, had not sought honor or money, but the good of the community. The community, by any standard, is the real winner; but it's still nice sometimes to see good works recognized and rewarded.

But we've been thinking about the other 4100 granges that entered the contest, and their communities. Assuming they carried out projects similar to those of Arcadia, they also have won. As a direct result of the Grange competition, 4100 towns and villages are better places in which to live.

And consider, too, that each of these local projects was publicized in its area. That means our city cousins have had a glimpse of some of the fine, constructive work our farm organizations carry out—the sort of work that doesn't always make the headlines.

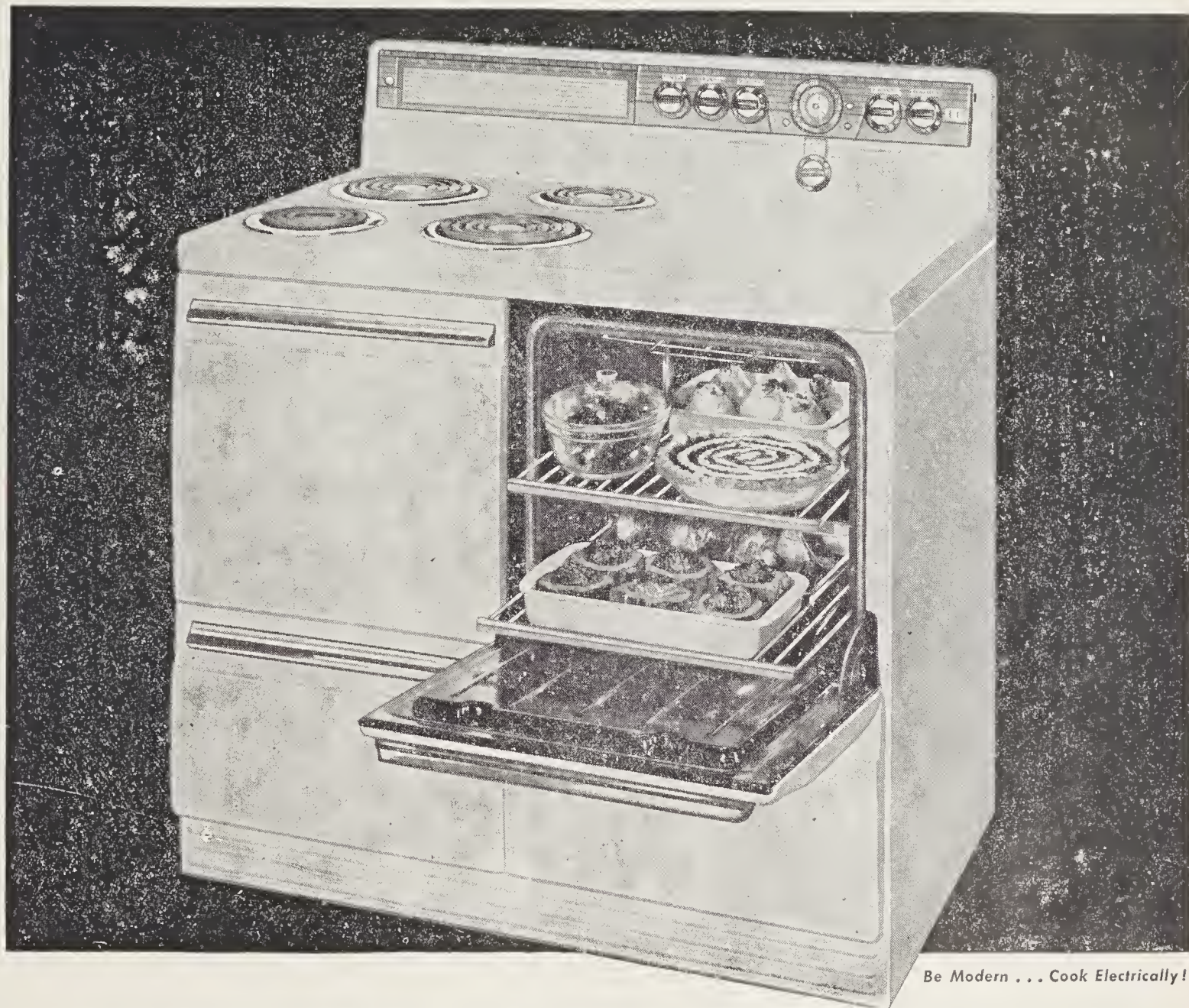
So our warmest congratulations go to Arcadia; and to the National Grange and the Sears, Roebuck Foundation, joint sponsors of this fine contest.

Welcome Aboard

And speaking of farm organizations, there was also some good news last month from the Farm Bureau convention in Asheville. Delegates there came out with the strongest rural electrification statement in Farm Bureau's North Carolina history (see page 4).

It was the first time the organization has taken an official stand on the Buggs Island power controversy. Their suggestion that a Federal survey be made to determine the feasibility of a government transmission line is a sound one—and one that the new Congress should put into effect.

Get Super Speed and Smart Copper Styling with this new Westinghouse Speed-Electric Range



Be Modern . . . Cook Electrically!

SUPER COROX[®] Gets RED HOT in 30 Seconds

Heat soup for four in 2½ minutes . . . fry bacon and eggs in only 3 minutes from a cold start . . . just 2 of the hundred ways you'll save time with Super Corox, the famous high-speed Westinghouse surface unit. And when it comes to good looks, count on this copper-styled

range to lend that decorator's touch you've always wanted in your kitchen. Stop in at your Westinghouse Retailer's soon and see its many features, including...big Miracle Sealed Oven for any-rack baking perfection, Built-In Clock and Timer for automatic oven cooking.

YOU CAN BE SURE..IF IT'S Westinghouse

Tune in the Best of Broadway, full color TV, CBS Wednesday, November 10th—10 to 11 P. M., EST—
and be sure to see TV's famous dramatic show, Westinghouse Studio One, CBS every week.

FRIGIDAIRE

Electric Range

"Thrifty 30"

See it
Now!

Only
30 inches
wide!

Porcelain
Finish inside
and out!

Bakes
6 pies
at once!

CHOICE OF COLOR!
Model RT-38 in Sherwood
Green, Stratford Yellow or
snowy white porcelain
exterior!

- New compact design for small kitchens
- New, Imperial Cook-Master Oven Clock Control. Easy to use. Just set it and forget it!
- New, faster, 5-Speed Radiantube Cooking Units
- New, deluxe signal panel
- Full-width Cooking-Top Lamp
- Full-width Storage Drawer
- Automatic Appliance Outlet
- High-Speed Broiler, waist-high
- Porcelain finished. Even-Heat Oven

BE MODERN — COOK ELECTRICALLY!